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17 July 1997PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
17 July 1997TITLE OF INVENTION Method and Apparatus For Multipoint-To-Point  
Transmission in An ATM Network

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1 ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2 ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3 ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4 ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5 ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
- b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
- c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6 ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 7 ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
- a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
- b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
- c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- 8 ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9 ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10 ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11 ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12 ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13 ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14 ☐ A substitute specification.
- 15 ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16 ☒ Other items or information:

- Copy of annexes to the International Preliminary  
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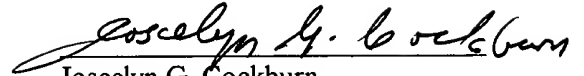
Sir:

This application is submitted in conjunction with a request to expedite entry of the national phase of the PCT application PCT/IB97/00893 having an International Filing Date of 17 July 1997. Applicants are submitting, along with this application, informal copies of the Declaration, Power of Attorney and Assignment as the fully executed originals of these documents were not received from the inventors at the time of this filing. The fully executed originals of these documents will be submitted to the US Designated/Elected Office, along with the appropriate surcharge for submitting these documents later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date, when the documents are received from the inventors. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and request the Examiner immediately begin national stage prosecution, thereby expediting the examination process for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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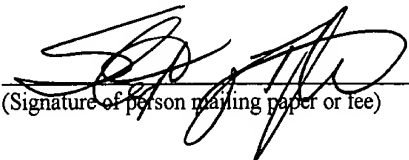
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